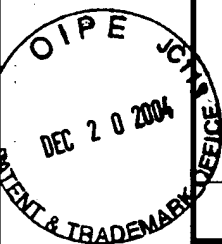


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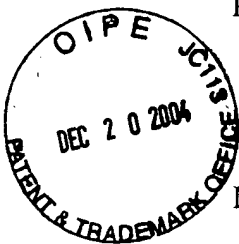
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment and response to the non-final Office Action dated October 18, 2004. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for allowing pending Claims 1-18 and 23-39 and for stating that such claims are distinguishable from the prior art of record.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page two (2) of this paper; and

Remarks beginning on page nine (9) of this paper.